

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 891 - HB 961**

March 28, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Limits members of the General Assembly to filing 30 general bills for each regular annual session. Limit does not apply to private acts, resolutions, bills introduced by a committee chair at the direction of a standing, select, or joint committee, or any bill filed during a special session.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$60,000**

**Other Fiscal Impact – The vast majority of the legislative budget consists of fixed costs that will not be reduced as a result of this limitation. Thus, these costs cannot be allocated to individual bills for purposes of determining an impact on actual expenditures. Moreover, the resources allocated to each bill vary widely depending on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the complexity of the bill and the amount of time devoted to it by members and staff.**

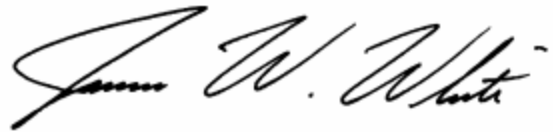
#### Assumptions:

- Each companion bill will count against a member's 30-bill limit. Administration bills will also count against a member's limit. Thus, total general bill filings will be limited to 990 per session (33 senators x 30 bills per senator = 990 bills).
- In the first year of a General Assembly, approximately 2,500 general bills are filed. Total first-year filings, including resolutions, private acts, and amendments, are approximately 7,000 documents. In the second year, approximately 1,700 general bills are filed. Total second-year filings are approximately 4,000 documents.
- This bill will result in a reduction of approximately 1,500 general bill filings in the first year and 700 in the second year. Document filings under this bill will be approximately 5,500 in the first year and 3,300 in the second year. Total document filings (general bills as a percentage of total filings) will decrease 20 percent.

- Some printing, duplicating, and supply costs are variable depending on the number of bills filed. The total legislative budget for printing and duplication is \$775,100 and for supplies is \$421,800. The combined cost of printing and supplies is \$1,196,900. Approximately 25 percent of this cost, or \$300,000, is attributable to bill printing, reproduction, and related supplies. There will be a 20 percent reduction in expenditures for printing and supplies related to general bills, decreasing expenditures by \$60,000 ( $\$300,000 \times 20\% = \$60,000$ ).
- The remaining costs in the legislative budget will not decrease as a result of this limitation on the number of general bills filed, due to their essentially fixed nature.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible.

James W. White, Executive Director